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2. MFA AMERICAN AND OCEANIAN AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT
DIRECTOR HAN XU REQUESTED CHARGE TO CALL ON HIM JUNE 9
TO REVIEW THE SCHEDULE FOR THE SECRETARY'S BEIJING
VISIT. HA BEGAN BY EMPHASIZING THAT THE CHINESE
ATTACHED THE UTMOST IMPORTANCE TO THE SECRETARY'S
VISIT AND WANTED TO USE THE LIMITED AVAILABLE TIME
IN THE MOST EFFICIENT MANNER. IN PARTICULAR, IN ORDER
TO INSURE THAT THE CHINESE LEADERS WITH WHOM THE
SECRETARY WOULD BE MEETING WOULD BE FULLY PREPARED
TO ADDRESS ANY ISSUES THAT MIGHT ARISE, THE CHINESE
SIDE WISHED TO KNOW AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE
EXACTLY WHAT TOPICS THE SECRETARY PROPOSED TO RAISE
IN EACH MEETING.

3. HAN SAID THAT THE CHINESE SIDE ALREADY HAD A
GOOD GRASP OF THE TOPICS THAT WOULD BE COVERED IN THE
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER HUANG HUA,
SINCE THE SECRETARY HAD DISCUSSED THIS IN CONSIDERABLE
DETAIL WITH AMBASSADOR CHAI DURING THEIR MEETING ON
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JUNE 3. HOWEVER, THE CHINESE WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL
INFORMATION ON FOUR MATTERS:

A. MEETING WITH GENG BIAO. HAN SAID THAT IN HIS

MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR CHAI, THE SECRETARY HAD NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THE TOPICS HE WISHED TO PURSUE WITH VICE PREMIER/DEFENSE MINISTER GENG BIAO. THE CHINESE ASSUMED THAT THE GLOBAL STRATEGIC TOPICS WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR DISCUSSION WITH HUANG HUA. IN ORDER TO AVOID HAVING THE SAME TOPICS REPEATED IN THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH HUANG HUA AND GENG BIAO, THE CHINESE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHAT SUBJECTS THE SECRETARY PROPOSED TO CONCENTRATE ON IN HIS MEETING WITH GENG BIAO.

B. MEETING WITH BO YIBO. READING FROM AMBASSADOR CHAI'S REPORTING CABLE, HAN SAID THAT THE SECRETARY HAD INFORMED AMBASSADOR CHAI OF HIS INTEREST IN CHINA'S ECONOMY, PLANNING SYSTEM, TRADE, AND ENERGY DEVELOPMENT. HE HAD ALSO REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF FOLLOWING UP ON DAVID ROCKEFELLER'S DISCUSSIONS WITH THE CHINESE ON THE PROVISION OF TECHNICAL ADVICE AND INITIAL FINANCING FOR OIL PROSPECTING IN CHINA. AND HE HAD MENTIONED ESTABLISH MECHANISMS TO STRENGTHEN TIES AND IMPROVE POLICY COORDINATION. VICE PREMIER BO WAS COMPETENT TO ADDRESS ANY OF THESE TOPICS, HAN SAID, BUT THIS WAS A RATHER BROAD AGENDA FOR A MEETING THAT WOULD ONLY LAST ONE HOUR. ACCORDINGLY, THE CHINESE WOULD WELCOME SOME INDICATION AS TO WHICH TOPICS THE SECRETARY WISHED TO SPEND MORE TIME ON. IN ADDITION, IF THERE WERE SOME DOMESTIC ECONOMIC TOPICS THAT COULD MORE APPROPRIATELY BE DISCUSSED WITH PREMIER ZHAO, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO CLARIFY THIS IN CONFIDENTIAL

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ADVANCE.

C. HOLDRIDGE/ZHANG WENJIN BILATERAL MEETING. HAN SAID THE CHINESE HAD SCHEDULED A WORKING LUNCH FOR THESE BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS, BUT IF THIS DID NOT LEAVE ENOUGH TIME, OTHER MEETINGS COULD BE SCHEDULED. THEY NEED TO KNOW, HOWEVER, THE TOPICS THAT WOULD BE COVERED. (AT DINNER WITH THE CHARGE THE NIGHT BEFORE, HAN'S DEPUTY JI CHAOZHU HAD ALSO RAISED THIS SUBJECT AND ASKED IF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLDRIDGE HAD ANY PREFERENCES ON THE FORMAT FOR THE DISCUSSIONS. FOR EXAMPLE, BEFORE SITTING DOWN FOR THE WORKING LUNCH, SHOULD THE PARTICIPANTS SIT DOWN ACROSS A TABLE FROM EACH OTHER, OR SHOULD A MORE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENT BE UTILIZED. THE CHINESE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON THIS QUESTION).

D. HANDLING OF LARGE MEETINGS AND SMALL MEETINGS OF SPECIALISTS. HAN NOTED THAT THE SECRETARY HAD MENTIONED TO AMBASSADOR CHAI THAT THE LARGE MEETINGS AND THE SMALL MEETINGS OF SPECIALISTS (XIAOZHU ZHUANJIA HUIYI) COULD BE COMBINED (JIEHE JINXING). HAN SAID THE CHINESE SIDE LACKED INFORMATION CONCERNING THESE SMALL MEETINGS OF SPECIALISTS AND WOULD APPRECIATE ADDITIONAL DETAILS AS TO WHAT THE SECRETARY HAD IN MIND.

4. HAN THEN RAISED THE QUESTION OF PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT. HE NOTED THAT THE US PRESS HAD BEEN CARRYING MANY STORIES CONCERNING THE VISIT. THE PRC HAD BEEN VERY RESTRAINED IN WHAT HAD BEEN SAID SO FAR, BUT CHINESE REPORTERS HAD MANY IDEAS THEY WANTED TO WRITE ABOUT AND NOT ALL OF THESE COULD BE SUPPRESSED. THE CHINESE WANTED TO INSURE THAT THE VISIT WAS A COMPLETE SUCCESS, AND THE PRESS COVERAGE OF THE VISIT WOULD BE VERY IMPORTANT IN THIS RESPECT. ACCORDINGLY, THE
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CHINESE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY US THOUGHTS ON HOW PRESS COVERAGE SHOULD BE MANAGED. (COMMENT: HAN WAS DELIBERATELY VAGUE IN HIS COMMENTS, BUT WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN IN HIS MIND WAS NOT TO PREVENT DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES OVER ARMS SALES TO TAIWAN FROM BEING AIRED TOO FORTHRIGHTLY IN THE PRESS IN A WAY THAT MIGHT MAR THE SUCCESS OF THE VISIT.) CHARGE NOTED THAT THE US SIDE COULD NOT CONTROL REPORTING BY THE US PRESS BUT THAT WE TRIED TO SET THE TONE THROUGH PRESS BRIEFINGS AND BACKGROUNDEES. THE DEPARTMENT'S SPOKESMAN WOULD BE ACCOMPANYING THE SECRETARY, AND THE SECRETARY HIMSELF WOULD BE HAVING A PRE-DEPARTURE PRESS CONFERENCE IN BEIJING. OTHER THAN THIS, THERE WERE LIMITS TO WHAT THE US SIDE COULD DO, BUT HE WOULD SEE IF WASHINGTON HAD ANY FURTHER THOUGHTS ON THIS QUESTION.

5. REQUEST PROMPT GUIDANCE ON THE ABOVE.
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